

in 1993 (Subzone 124C, Board Order 667, 59 FR 60, 1/3/94; and Subzone 116A, Board Order 668, 59 FR 61, 1/3/94). The approvals were subject to certain standard restrictions, including one that required the election of privileged foreign status on incoming foreign merchandise.

The companies are now requesting that this restriction be modified so that they would have the option available under the FTZ Act to choose non-privileged foreign (NPF) status on foreign refinery inputs used to produce certain petrochemical feedstocks and by-products including the following: benzene, toluene, xylenes, hydrocarbon mixtures, distillates/residual fuel oils, kerosene, naphthas, ethane, propane, butane, ethylene, propylene, butylene, butadiene, petroleum coke, asphalt, sulfur, and sulfuric acid.

The requests cite the FTZ Board's recent decision in the Amoco, Texas City, Texas case (Board Order 731, 60 FR 13118, 3/10/95) which authorized subzone status with the NPF option noted above. In the Amoco case, the Board concluded that the restriction that precluded this NPF option was not needed under current oil refinery industry circumstances.

Public comment on the proposal is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is [30 days from date of publication].

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the following location: Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

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Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Committees will hold public meetings on April 10-14, 1995, at the Holiday Inn Savannah-Midtown, 7100 Abercorn Expressway, Savannah, GA 31406; telephone: 1-800-255-8268 or 1-912-352-7100.

The Golden Crab Committee will meet on April 10, from 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., to discuss options for a Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and to approve FMP options for public hearings.

On April 11, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will discuss the Wreckfish Assessment Report, the Mackerel Assessment Report and options for Amendment 8 to the Mackerel FMP. The SSC will review Golden Crab FMP options, Snapper-Grouper Amendment 8 options, Snapper-Grouper controlled access options and Shrimp Amendment 1. The SSC will discuss ways of managing fisheries in the face of declining data and research. It also will hear presentations on a definition of overfishing and a report on social impact assessments.

At 6:30 p.m., the Council will receive scoping comments on finfish bycatch in the shrimp fishery and on developing an FMP for the calico scallop fishery.

On April 12, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon, the Mackerel Committee will meet jointly with the Mackerel Advisory Panel (AP) to review the mackerel stock assessment and total allowable catch, quotas and bag limits options. It will discuss options for the next mackerel amendment (Amendment 8), including several options for trip limits, boundary allocations between the South Atlantic and the Gulf groups of king mackerel, commercial transfers of Spanish mackerel, entry regulations, net lengths, cobia management ranges and trip limits, adding African pompano to the management unit of the plan, and allowable gear regulations. The AP also will review other modifications concerning how the Councils manage the coastal pelagics fisheries, including changes to the framework procedure.

The Mackerel Committee will meet from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., to set total allowable catch limits, quotas and bag limits. It will also choose items for Amendment 8 to go to public hearings.

The Shrimp Committee will meet from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., for a briefing on the ad-hoc Rock Shrimp AP's progress in providing information and additional management options for consideration in Amendment 1. The Shrimp Committee will also discuss research efforts and options to address

bycatch in the South Atlantic shrimp fishery.

On April 13, the AP Selection Committee will conduct a closed meeting to consider new appointments and reappointments to the Habitat and Environmental Protection AP, the Mackerel AP, the Shark AP, the Snapper-Grouper AP, the Spiny Lobster AP, the Sea Scallop AP and the Wreckfish AP. The SSC Selection Committee will also conduct a closed meeting to review the current SSC membership and to consider new appointments.

The full Council will convene on April 13, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., and April 14, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon, to hear Committee reports and recommendations. The Council will approve golden crab options for public hearings, mackerel total allowable catch, quota and bag limits, and Mackerel Draft Amendment 8 for public hearings. It will also make appointments to the APs and the SSC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Coste, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699; telephone: (803) 571-4366 or (803) 769-4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office at the above address by March 23, 1995.

Dated: March 20, 1995.

David S. Crestin,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Patent and Trademark Office

Proposed Determination of New Expiration Dates of Certain Patents

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) intends to determine and publish the new expiration dates of patents that, (1) are in force on June 8, 1995, (2) are entitled to a term of 20 years from filing, and (3) have received a term extension under either section 155 or 156 of title 35, United States Code. The PTO seeks written comments on its intended course of action.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 26, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Address written comments to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231, Attention: H. Dieter Hoinkes, Office of Legislative and International Affairs, Crystal Park 2, Suite 902, or by facsimile to (703) 305-8885.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: H. Dieter Hoinkes by telephone at (703) 305-9300, by facsimile at (703) 305-8885, or by mail marked to his attention addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Box 4, Washington, DC 20231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 156 of title 35, United States Code, patent term extensions are issued for eligible patents from the original expiration date of the patent. Since this provision was enacted in 1984, the PTO has issued 195 certificates of patent term extension in accordance with section 156. Under the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA"), Public Law 103-465, patents in force on June 8, 1995, are entitled to a patent term of 17 years from grant or 20 years from their earliest filing date, whichever is greater (see 35 U.S.C. 154(c)(1)). It is estimated that 94 patents whose terms were extended under section 156 are entitled to such a longer patent term.

On February 16, 1995, the PTO held a public hearing to elicit comments on what action it should take regarding patents that are entitled to a longer patent term under the URAA and that had previously been extended under section 156. (See 60 Fed. Reg. 3398 (Jan. 17, 1995)). After having considered all the comments, both written and oral, the PTO intends to publish the new expiration date of all patents that fall into the category mentioned above. The determination of the new expiration dates will be based on the following three considerations:

(1) A patent that would have expired under the original 17-year patent term before June 8, 1995, but that has received a patent term extension for a period beyond June 8, 1995, is a patent "in force" on June 8, 1995, even though the rights derived from that patent are circumscribed by section 156(b) of title 35.

(2) The "original expiration date of the patent" referred to in section 156(a) of title 35 is the date on which the patent would have expired if it had not been extended under section 156 to expire at a later date. Therefore, the "original expiration date" of the patents under consideration is the date on which the 20-year term from filing terminates.

(3) The extension already issued on the basis of the 17-year term will be

added to the 20-year term, subject to the limitation imposed by section 156(c)(3) of title 35. That provision limits the period remaining in the term of an extended patent to fourteen years counted from the date on which the product under review received approval for commercial marketing by the relevant regulatory authority.

In addition, it should be noted that under the provisions of section 155 of title 35, 33 patents were extended, each for a period of five years, ten months and 17 days. Of the 32 patents in force on June 8, 1995, 20 are entitled to the longer term of 20 years from their relevant filing date. Their new expiration date, taking into account the term of extension provided by 35 U.S.C. 155, is also intended to be published.

Comments are invited on the course of action the PTO intends to undertake with respect to the new expiration dates of patents in the category discussed above. In issuing its final determination, the PTO will respond to significant comments received.

Dated: March 20, 1995.

Bruce A. Lehman,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

March 21, 1995.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs reducing limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 28, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Aldrich, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-6703. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the

Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

The current limits for certain categories are being reduced for carryforward used during 1994.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 59 FR 65531, published on December 20, 1994). Also see 59 FR 65760, published on December 21, 1994.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding dated January 17, 1994, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of its provisions.

Rita D. Hayes,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 21, 1995.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 16, 1994, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1995 and extends through December 31, 1995.

Effective on March 28, 1995, you are directed to amend the directive dated December 16, 1994 to reduce the limits for the following categories, as provided under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding dated January 17, 1994 between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Sublevels in Group I	
340	786,355 dozen of which not more than 405,245 dozen shall be in Category 340-Z. ²
617	15,431,268 square meters.
634	553,806 dozen.
636	505,085 dozen.
638/639	2,272,199 dozen.
643	463,884 numbers.
670-L ³	14,276,734 kilograms.